

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 17, 2017

WORK SESSION

Present: Mayor Jim Talbot; Councilmembers John Bilton, Doug Anderson, Brigham Mellor, Brett Anderson; City Manager Dave Millheim, City Development Director David Petersen, City Recorder Holly Gadd, and Recording Secretary Tarra McFadden

Excused: Councilmember Cory Ritz

UTOPIA

Dave Millheim invited UTOPIA to the work session to discuss their services. Residents have expressed interest recently when the Davis County School District was being connected to UTOPIA and the City provided permission to right of way access. In exchange for the access, the City offices will have UTOPIA services provided. **Dave Millheim** noted that with the plans for a business park in the near future, upgraded infrastructure and in particular fiber internet will need to be in place.

Roger Timmerman, Executive Director of UTOPIA presented information related to the company's history, current activities and proposed involvement with Farmington City. **Kim McKinley**, Marketing Manager and **Kurt Sudweeks**, Chief Financial Officer were also present to answer questions.

Roger Timmerman acknowledged that UTOPIA has struggled to overcome the challenges from its initial startup in May of 2002. Bonds were secured in 2004, but revenues lagged and the company had higher expenses as it built the backbone which includes fiber from Idaho to Vegas and connectivity in a number of Wasatch Front Cities. UIA was created during a management restructuring and has utilized additional bonds to grow its business model and achieve stability and sustainability. UTOPIA owns and manages the infrastructure, but leases the lines to private Internet Service Providers, who then deliver services to subscribers.

For UTOPIA to provide services to Farmington City, the City would enter into an agreement with UTOPIA. As long as subscriptions are above 30%, the City does not have an obligation to UTOPIA other than to approve access to the right of ways. If the "take rate" is below 30% than the City would have financial obligations to UTOPIA for operations/maintenance and debt repayment costs. UTOPIA is willing to conduct a community survey, to engage with residents and to determine if the potential subscription rate is feasible.

Councilmember **Brigham Mellor** questioned the role of government in assuming the risk for the service and then being put in a position to market UTOPIA to its residents. He noted that the demand for better internet service is high.

Dave Millheim suggested that UTOPIA should be invited to a future work session to answer additional questions from the Council.

REGULAR SESSION

Present: Mayor Jim Talbot; Councilmembers John Bilton, Doug Anderson, Cory Ritz, Brigham Mellor, Brett Anderson; City Manager Dave Millheim, City Development Director David Petersen, City Planner Eric Anderson, City Recorder Holly Gadd, and Recording Secretary Tarra McFadden

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor **Jim Talbot** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call (Opening Comments/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance)

The invocation was offered by Councilmember **Doug Anderson** and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Carter Bone** from Boy Scout Troop 534.

Ethan Baer, Youth City Councilmember member introduced himself. He is part of the Viewmont High School Graduating Class of 2019. He has enjoyed meeting new friends, service projects, and helping with Festival Days while being a part of the Youth City Council.

PRESENTATIONS:

Present Huntsman with check from Charity Bike Race

Mayor **Jim Talbot**, Parks and Recreation Director **Neil Miller** and Motorcycle Race Chair **Cyrrena Welch** presented **Sally Montgomery** of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation with a check from the Charity Bike Race. The race, part of Festival Day activities, raised \$3,842.18 to benefit Cancer research. Through the donations collected from the race, Farmington City has donated more than \$10,000 over the past five years.

Introduction of New Police Officer and Administration of Oath of Office

Police Chief **Wayne Hansen** introduced the new Police Officer **Jeremy Horne**. Officer Horne previously worked for the Utah Highway Patrol. He has two children with his wife, who is a police officer for Bountiful City. His father is a retired Utah Highway Patrol officer. He is a skilled instructor and brings depth and experience to his new posting. The move to Farmington has exceeded his expectations and he is happy to be serving Farmington City.

Holly Gadd administered the Oath of Office.

Introduction of New Police Dog and Administration of Oath of Office

Police Chief **Wayne Hansen** introduced the new K9 officer, Riso. **Wayne Hansen** thanked Right Hand K9 for donating the dog and related training to the City. **Lt. Snyder** worked with **Jeremy Varela** of Right Hand K9 to bring the dog to the City. **Jeremy Varela** introduced his team of trainers, groomers, and administrative staff. **Wayne Hansen** presented them with a plaque to thank them for their generous donation.

Officer **Cannon Heslop** has been assigned to work with Riso and has done an exceptional job during the training.

SUMMARY ACTION:

1. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2017
2. Approval of Minutes from October 3, 2017
3. Poll Workers for Upcoming Elections
4. Resolution regarding Overtime and On Call Pay
5. Amended Agreement with Robinson Waste
6. Resolution Recognizing October 1st as a Memorial Day for the Victims of Las Vegas Shooting
7. Real Estate Purchase Agreement for .5 Acre Undeveloped Lot Located at 314 South 650 West for Future Park Property

Councilmember **Brett Anderson** questioned whether or not approving the Resolution Recognizing October 1st as a Memorial Day for the Victims of Las Vegas Shooting would set a precedent for future events, or lessen what has happened to victims of other events. The Council determined that this was a request from a student to pass the resolution, and each resolution can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Motion:

Brett Anderson moved, with a second from Councilmember **Doug Anderson**, to approve summary action item 1 through 7 as contained in the staff report.

The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thank You Program to Residents for Road Project

City Manager **Dave Millheim** shared that the road project has caused a lot of inconvenience and mess for surrounding residents. It is an important project that will provide updated infrastructure and new sidewalks in advance of the opening of the new high school. **Dave Millheim** previously discussed with the Council an option to provide impacted residents with a small thank you for enduring the project. This thank you program was conceived by staff and informally approved by the City Council. **Brigham Mellor** suggested that the thank you program should be revisited after the election so it is not viewed as unfairly influencing voters.

Motion:

Brett Anderson moved, with a second from Councilmember **John Bilton** to table the item until the November 21, 2017 City Council Meeting.

The motion received unanimous support.

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS:

City Manager Report

Dave Millheim noted that Fire crews from Farmington, Layton and Syracuse were on standby to assist in the firefighting efforts in California. The activities would be 100% reimbursable, and Chief **Guido Smith** committed to not short-staffing the City. Only off-duty firefighters would be asked to help with the efforts.

Mayor Talbot & City Council Reports

Councilmember Doug Anderson

Doug Anderson shared that Café Rio has a scheduled ribbon cutting for October 25th. **Holly Gadd** will email additional date and time information about the opening.

The ribbon cutting for the outdoor basketball courts with the Jazz was an exciting event which was well attended.

Councilmember Brett Anderson

Brett Anderson reported that the trails committee agreed that riders should be required to clean up after horses. As a measure of good will, it was suggested that the horse trail on the north side could be made more accessible either with a lockbox on the gate, or widening the existing gate. **Dave Millheim** asked that further discussion be had with the trails committee to achieve and agreeable solution.

Councilmember Brigham Mellor

Brigham Mellor presented information related to the scenic byway designation for the West Davis Corridor. Initial discussions have estimated that it will cost roughly \$30,000 to prepare the proposal to the scenic byway committee to amend the Legacy Highway designation to include the West Davis Corridor. This includes costs related to the hiring of a lobbyist.

Jim Talbot suggested that the COG be approached to support the efforts and bear the costs as all cities will benefit.

Brigham Mellor noted that a group of residents concerned about the expansion of Shepard Lane and 950 West would like to discuss the matter with the City. **Dave Millheim** noted that a meeting had been scheduled for October 30, from 3-4:30 p.m. to discuss creating a two lane road with a center turn lane to prepare for future development and transportation needs.

Councilmember John Bilton

No updates to report.

Mayor Jim Talbot

Mayor **Jim Talbot** shared that Jeanna Reid, a Farmington resident, had been missing for two weeks. The Police Department is following a few leads and the Sheriff's Department will coordinate helicopters to conduct a search in the hills and Farmington Canyon. A more detailed search may be conducted beginning October 20.

Jim Talbot provided photos of similar horse designs that will be used in the roundabout near 1100 West.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

At 8:03 p.m., **John Bilton** moved to adjourn the meeting.

Holly Gadd, City Recorder

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